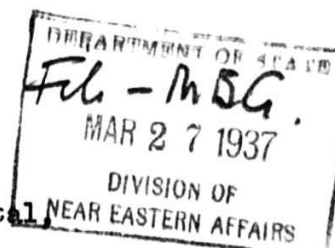


5  
RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Fitzsimons General Hospital,  
1937 MAR 26 AM 10 13 Denver, Colorado.



DIVISION OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AND RECORDS

March 22, 1937.

Department of State,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On May 16th, 1936 I sent an air-mail letter to  
"S.A.V. Letkemann, % The American Legation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia."  
This letter was valuable, REGISTERED, and mailed at Toronto, Canada.  
The Canadian Postal Service informs me that I should make complaint  
of non-delivery to the State Department inasmuch as the tracers they  
have sent have gone unanswered. The letters I have sent to Addis,  
to both Post Office authorities and American Legation attaches have  
gone unanswered. I have enclosed the last letter I have received  
from Canadian Postal Authorities regarding the matter.

Would you kindly write your consul at Addis to find  
out what happened to this letter ? I really must have it and any help  
your office might give me will be greatly appreciated. The letter was  
a large brown envelope stamped with both U.S. and Canadian postage so  
as to insure air-mail service all the way. The return was on the back,  
namely "FRITZ V. LETKEMANN, Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo."  
The registry number is TORONTO POST OFFICE, CANADA, # 795. I have ex-  
hausted every means of getting it returned and have had no luck, therefore  
I must ask your advice and aid.

Respectfully,

SIEGFRIED A.V. LETKEMANN

1 encl./2pages

865D.7181/1

GEG

3:58

REFERENCE No.

Insp. L 166-93

# Post Office Department, Canada

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF POSTAL SERVICE

OFFICE OF  
THE CHIEF INSPECTOR

Ottawa, March 18th, 1937.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to refer to the correspondence which has been exchanged with the Financial Branch of this Department, regarding Registered article No. 795, addressed to -

Siegfried A. V. Letkemann, Esq.,  
c/o American Legation,  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

}\*

and in which the question of indemnity is raised.

The investigation made discloses that the letter in question suffered no mistreatment in the course of post in this Service, and was duly despatched from New York to Ethiopia under No. 795, Entry No. 11, List No. 1, via Zeppelin Hindenburg.

As there is no evidence that the letter in question did not duly reach its destination, the question of indemnity is, of course, not pertinent.

The relative A. R. Form, which was subsequently prepared, was transmitted in the usual way to the Director of Posts at Addis Ababa, but has not been returned to this Service, nor has it been possible to obtain any replies to the correspondence regarding the matter which has been addressed to the country of destination.

It .....

It is noted that the article for which enquiry is being made was addressed in care of the American Legation. It might be possible, therefore, for you to obtain some information regarding the disposal made of it through your own Government at Washington.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Fortier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

H. Fortier,  
Chief Inspector.

S. A. V. Letkemann, Esq.,  
Fitzsimons General Hospital,  
United States Army,  
Denver, Colorado,  
U. S. A.

March 31 1937

In reply refer to  
NE 865D.7181/1

Mr. Siegfried A. V. Letkemann,  
Fitzsimons General Hospital,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of March 22, 1937, requesting the assistance of the American Consul at Addis Ababa in tracing and recovering an undelivered letter which you mailed from Toronto, Canada, to S.A.V. Letkemann, in care of the American Legation at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Department regrets that it will be unable to obtain for you the Consul's assistance in the matter, as a decision has been taken to close the Consulate at Addis Ababa on the last day of March, and after that date there will be no American consular representative remaining in Ethiopia.

In the event the letter is sent to the Department with the Legation's archives which are to be shipped to the United States it will be forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Wallace Murray  
Chief, Division of Near Eastern Affairs

NE: MBG/GC

865D.7181/1

GML 1

Central File: Decimal File 865D.7181, Internal Affairs Of States, Post., Complaints Against Service., Italian East Africa, Nondelivery., March 22, 1937 - March 31, 1937. March 22 - 31, 1937. MS European Colonialism in the Early 20th Century. National Archives (United States). Archives Unbound, [link.gale.com/apps/doc/FSC5109727844/FDSC?Fu=Domni&sid=bookmark-GDSC](https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/FSC5109727844/FDSC?Fu=Domni&sid=bookmark-GDSC). Accessed 18 June 2025.